in the Undertakings under the government departments.

(b) and (c) NIC provides the government departments serviced by it the facility of bilingual computer hardware in Devanagari and English. This provision enables the library staff of the department to computerise Hindi books in Devanagari Script. NIC gives periodic training courses on Hindi computerisation for various levels of staff in government departments on a regular and continuing basis.

Impact of rice in prices of Newsprint

606. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the STC has recently increased the price of standard newsprint and glazed newsprint by Rs. 5000 and Rs. 10000 per tonne respectively;

(b) if so, what are the reasons and justfication for the rise in the prices of newsprint;

(c) whether the rise in prices of newsprint will directly affect prices of newspapers and other periodicals;

(d) if so, whether the order to save the newspaper industry, particularly small and medium newspapers in the country, Government propose to review its decision; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir. The State Trading Corporation had only proposed to raise the prices of standard newsprint by Rs. 4,670 per MT and that of glazed newsprint by Rs. 10,410 per MT, which were not accepted.

(b) These increases were proposed by STC in the wake of the effects of the exchange rate adjustment.

(c) As in any other sphere, increase in prices of newsprint is bound to lead to some strain over newspapers.

(d) and (e) The matter has been resolved on mutually agreed cost-sharing basis between the newspapers industry and the STC.

Training programme for computer Scientists

607. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any training programme has been worked out for the computer scientists to make them aware of grammer and techniques of semantic interpretation as found in shastri sanskrit;

(b) if so, details of the curriculum and the centres identified for the same; and

(c) what is the scheme to introduce such a training module as part of formal B. Tech or B.E. programme in computer science and which technical institutions have been identified for offering such a subject as part of graduate curriculum of computer science?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Department of Electronics under its Technology Development for Indian Ianguages (TDIL) Programme has initiated a scheme for preparation of curriculum guidelines and course materials for introduction of Sanskrit Vyakaran, Nyaya, Mimamsa and Nirukta to linguists and Computer Scientists.

(b) The programme has been initiated at the following four Institutions—

(i) Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi.

(ii) Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati.

(iii) Gurukul Kangri University Hardwar.